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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: POW/MIA LAOS - EMMET KAY

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1. DURING EMBOFF MEETING WITH MRS. KAY ON 18 MAY, MRS. KAY STATED THAT SHE HAD CONTACTED SOUK VONGSAK, MINISTER OF INFORMATION, ON MAY 15 TO INQUIRE ABOUT HER HUSBAND. MRS. KAY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUK HAVE BEEN THROUGH AN INTERPRETER. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME MRS. KAY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOUK SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT. SOUK TOLD HER THAT SHE SHOULD BE PATIENT AND THAT HE WAS AWAITING A RESPONSE FROM SAM NEUA. SHE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT AN APOLOGY MIGHT BE REQUIRED. MRS. KAY IS NOT CERTAIN IF LATTER STATEMENT CAN BE ATTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO SOUK OR MERELY REFLECTS THE INTERPRETER'S IMPRESSION.

2. SOUK VONGSAK'S STATEMENTS TO MRS. KAY--ABOUT AWAITING WORD FROM SAM NEUA AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN APOLOGY--IF TRUE, CONSTITUTE THE FIRST INDICATION THAT PATHET LAO MAY
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BE FOCUSING ON MODALITIES FOR KAY'S RELEASE.

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3. THE INDICATION THAT THE PATHET LAO MAY DEMAND A U.S. APOLOGY AS A PRE-CONDITION FOR KAY'S RELEASE IS A TENUOUS ONE. NEVERTHELESS, SINCE HE WAS CAPTURED AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE LAOS AGREEMENT, IT IS A POSSIBILITY WE MUST CONSIDER.

4. ON THURSDAY, 16 MAY, MRS. KAY PRESENTED HER PATHET LAO CONTACT WITH A LETTER FOR HER HUSBAND. IT WAS READILY ACCEPTED. SHE DID NOT BROACH THE SUBJECT OF HER ANTICIPATED JUNE DEPARTURE IN VIEW OF THE PRECEDING DAY'S DISCUSSION. WHITEHOUSE

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